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SUBJECT: CARIBBEAN REGIONAL IMPROVED TAX ADMINISTRATION
PROJECT

1. REQUEST U.S. EMBASSY PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
DR. FITZGERALD FRANCIS, SALVATORE BUILDING, ROOM 418,
2 FREDERICK ST., PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO:

A. MS. JANET BALLANTYNE, AN ECONOMIST IN THE OFFICE OF
DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES, L.A. BUREAU, IS HELPING WILLIAM M.
FELDMAN AND DOUGLAS ORMEROD PUT TOGETHER THE ECONOMIC
SECTION OF THE PROJECT PAPER FOR THE REGIONAL TAX PROJECT.
THEY DISCUSSED WITH HER THE KIND OF DATA SHE WOULD NEED
TO ACHIEVE THE CORE BASIS FOR THE PROJECT, NAMELY, AN
INCREASE IN REVENUES. IT IS APPARENT THAT THE ONLY THING
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AVAILABLE AT THIS POINT WOULD BE SOME GOOD EDUCATED JUDG-
MENTS RELATING THE INPUTS FOR THE PROJECT AND THE AMOUNT
OF REVENUES WE CAN EXPECT FROM THEM. SINCE IN FELDMAN'S
AND ORMEROD'S JUDGMENT, YOU ARE THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE
PERSON TO HELP US MAKE SOME PROJECTIONS, MS. BALLANTYNE
EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH YOU FOR YOUR GUIDANCE
ON WHAT THOSE PROJECTIONS SHOULD LOOK LIKE.

B. MS. BALLANTYNE WILL BE IN JAMAICA ON OTHER A.I.D. BUSINESS DURING THE LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER. HOWEVER,

SHE IS READY, WILLING AND ABLE TO MEET WITH YOU EITHER IN TRINIDAD OR ANOTHER LOCATION IN THE REGION ON THE 29TH AND 30TH OF THE MONTH TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION REFERRED TO ABOVE AND THE BROADER ISSUE OF ECONOMIC DATA THAT WILL HELP IN THE PREPARATION OF THE PROJECT PAPER.

C. WILL YOU ADVISE AID/W AS SOON AS POSSIBLE YOUR REACTION TO THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT. INCIDENTALLY, AS THE TIME GETS SHORT, PERHAPS A TELEPHONE CALL WOULD HELP TO EXPEDITE MATTERS. PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER IN ANY CORRESPONDENCE SO IF WE HAVE TO REACH YOU EXPEDITIOUSLY WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO. (THE PHONE NUMBER IN WASHINGTON IS: 202/632-9172.) VANCE

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